

FY21 Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Applicant Presentation Session #1

Public Hearing #1

FY21 Organizational Meeting

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Attendees

CAC Members

Curt Brosky
Rachel Caroniti
Emily Christescu
Molly Crowe
Chann Fowler-Spellman
Emily Cross Hilty
Nora Katzenberger
Ben Kipp
Donna Kolis
Peter Mapley
Janice Snyder
Sara Tillie
Susannah Selnick

City Staff

Shawn Leininger, Director, Department of Planning & Development
Dan Wyman, Development Officer, Department of Planning & Development

I. FY21 Funding Applicant Presentation Session #1

a) Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC)

Melissa Graves, Chief Executive Officer of the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC), described and answered questions regarding DVCAC's request for \$16,938 in FY21 Community Development Block Grant funds to support the agency's Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy Services Program which places a part-time Justice System Advocate in Lakewood's court system who guides victims of domestic abuse through this often confusing and intimidating process.

b) LakewoodAlive

LakewoodAlive's Ian Andrews (Executive Director) and Allison Urbanek (Housing & Internal Operations Director) described and answered questions regarding the agency's request for \$66,795 in FY21 Community Development Block Grant funds to support the agency's Housing Outreach Services Program and \$42,000 to support its Paint Rebate Program.

The Housing Outreach Program facilitates exterior home improvements and the correction of code violations among Lakewood homeowners, tenants, and landlords by assisting them with project planning, budgeting, and management; demystifying city building codes and ordinances; referring residents to and assisting them in applying for CDBG-funded and other rehabilitation assistance programs; and helping to identify and work with quality contractors.

The Paint Lakewood Program provides low-moderate income homeowners with rebates up to \$4,500 toward labor, materials and supplies associated with completed, lead-compliant exterior residential paint projects.

c) Neighborhood Family Practice/North Coast Community Health Center

Jean Polster, President & CEO of Neighborhood Family Practice which merged with North Coast Health in 2019, described and answered questions regarding NFP/NCH's request for \$42,513 in FY20 Community Development Block Grant funds to support its Health Services Program which provides a broad range of high-quality, culturally sensitive health care services for low-moderate income, medically underserved Lakewood households.

II. FY21 Public Hearing #1

- Mr. Dan Wyman, Development Officer in Lakewood's Department of Planning & Development, welcomed CAC members and Lakewood residents to the first of two Public Hearings associated with the City's FY21 federal funding allocation process. The 2nd FY21 Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.
- He explained at least (2) CAC Public Hearings are statutorily required to ensure Lakewood residents are provided with opportunities to participate in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the City's federally-funded programs and projects.

- Mr. Wyman reviewed Lakewood's community development goals and objectives which include supporting decent, affordable housing and a suitable living environment; sustaining the city's housing stock for the next 100 years; preserving historic properties as a vital link to the city's past; supporting affordable homeownership for low-moderate income residents; maintaining safe, healthy neighborhoods; arresting slum and blight conditions; fortifying aging public infrastructure and facilities in low-moderate income areas; aggressively enforcing local & federal fair housing laws; addressing the critical human services needs of low-moderate income and special needs residents; and expanding economic opportunities for low-moderate-income residents.
- He explained the composition, mission, roles and responsibilities of Lakewood's Citizens Advisory Committee; described the purposes, uses, and regulations governing Lakewood's Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership programs; and provided estimates of the City's FY21 funding from these sources.
- Finally, Mr. Wyman opened the floor for Public Comment. Both Lakewood residents and members of the Citizens Advisory Committee were invited and encouraged to pose questions and submit comments for the record concerning the City's community development needs, challenges and priorities; the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs; and the information presented during this public hearing. Despite ample written public notice well in advance of the meeting, there were no members of the public in attendance. As such, there were no comments or questions for the record.

III. FY21 CAC Organizational Meeting

Mr. Wyman welcomed CAC members old and new and thanked them for their service to our community.

a) Call to Order & Roll Call

At Mr. Wyman's request, Ms. Nora Katzenberger called the FY21 CAC Organizational Meeting to order and conducted a Roll Call of members. (13) of (15) members were in attendance.

b) Election of FY21 CAC Chair & Co-Chair

Ms. Katzenberger was elected Chair and Mr. Ben Kipp was elected Co-Chair of Lakewood's FY21 Citizens Advisory Committee.

c) FY21 CAC Process Overview

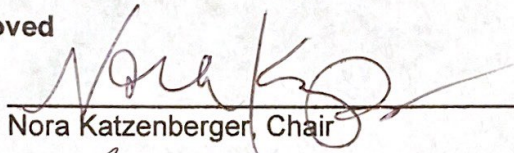
Mr. Wyman provided an overview of the FY21 CAC process and explained which encompasses:

- reviewing FY21 CDBG & ESG funding requests from city departments and external organizations then forwarding FY21 allocation recommendations to City Council;
- consideration of a proposed Substantial Amendment to the Lakewood's FY19 Annual Action Plan regarding CARES Act Round II CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding allocations.

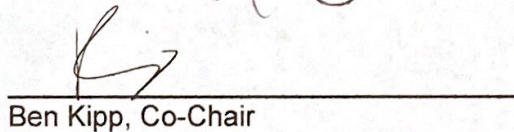
IV. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the first FY21 CAC session was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Approved


Nora Katzenberger, Chair

Date 10/13/20


Ben Kipp, Co-Chair

Date 10/14/2020